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PROJECT CEASEFIRE
GRANDVIEW MAN SENTENCED
TO 16 YEARS FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Grandview, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today as a career criminal illegally in possession of five firearms. Today's sentencing, Graves said, is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Kevin T. Givens, 41, of Grandview, was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to 16 years and eight months for being a felon in possession of firearms. **Givens** was sentenced as a career offender because of his criminal history, which includes 10 prior criminal felony convictions.

On Feb. 3, 2005, **Givens** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of firearms. By pleading guilty, **Givens** admitted that he was in possession of a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun, a Savage .22-caliber rifle, a Remington .22-caliber rifle, a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun and a Remington 20-gauge shotgun on Nov. 16, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Givens** has a 2004 criminal felony conviction for forgery, a 2001 criminal felony conviction for forgery, two 1993 criminal felony convictions for receiving stolen property and burglary, a 1991 criminal felony conviction for false impersonation, four 1988 criminal felony convictions for burglary, assault, attempted burglary and tampering and a 1987 criminal felony conviction for tampering.

Givens was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 8, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel M. Nelson. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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